

REMARKS

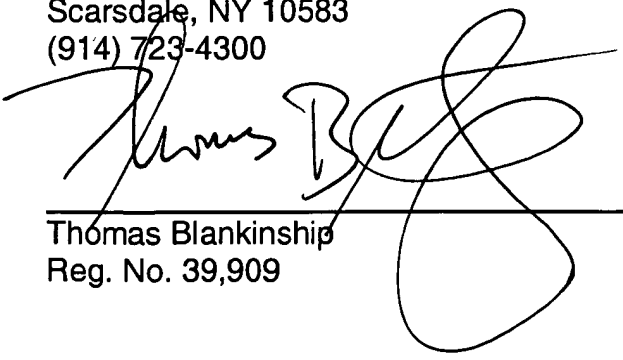
Claims 5, 7 to 14, and 17 to 19 are pending. Claims 5, 7 to 14, and 17 have been amended. Claims 1 to 4, 6, 15, and 16 have been cancelled.

The Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's statement that claims 7 and 17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the features of their respective base claims. Therefore, claims 5 and 17 have been amended. Claims 7 to 14 have been amended to comport with the amended claims 5 and 17.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of the foregoing Amendment and look forward to receiving the Notification of Allowance.

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